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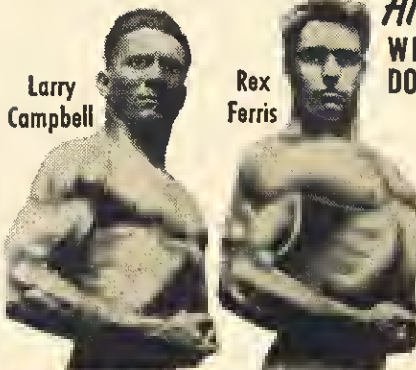
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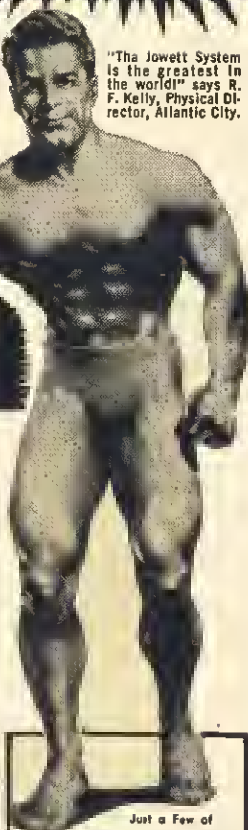
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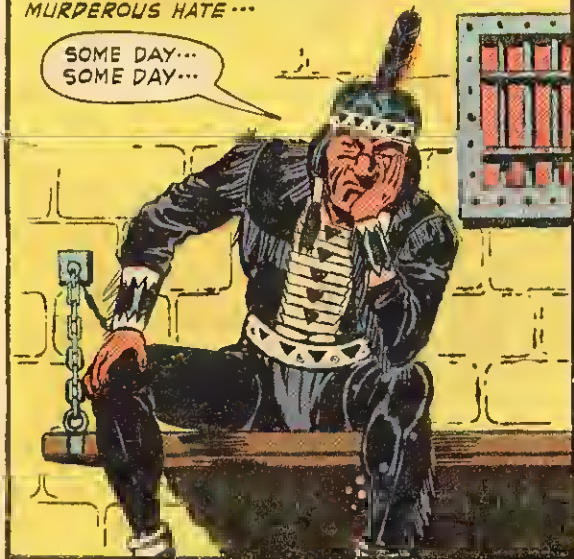
SOME MEN FIGHT ONLY FOR JUSTICE. BUT SOME FIGHT ONLY FOR **HATE**! SUCH A MAN IS **BLACK FEATHER**—A MAN WHO KNOWS NO LOVE, NO REMORSE, NO PITY—ONLY A VILE THIRST FOR VENGEANCE—AND ALONG HIS DESTRUCTIVE TRAIL LIES DEATH AND DEVASTATION! BUT, STRAIGHT ARROW FOLLOWS HIS DANGEROUS TRAIL ONCE MORE WHEN HE LEARNS OF...

"THE RETURN OF BLACK FEATHER!"



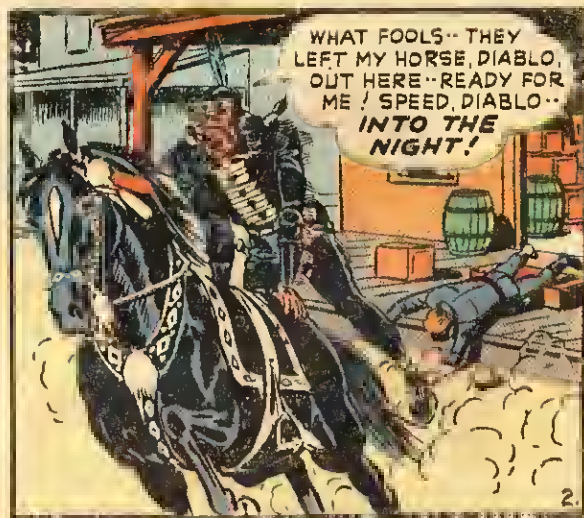
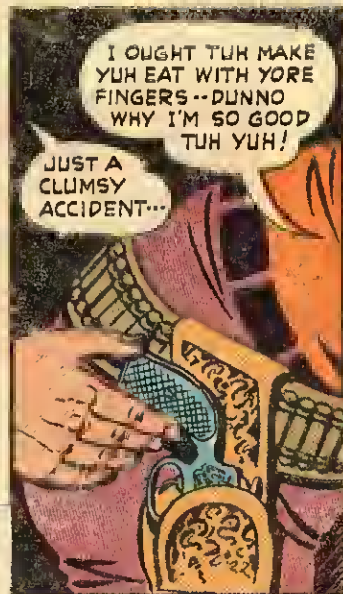
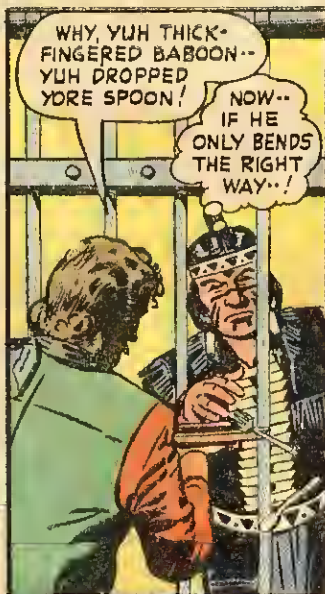
IN THE JAIL OF FORT LOOKOUT, STRAIGHT ARROW'S DEADLY ENEMY SITS BROODING, NURSING HIS MURDEROUS HATE...

SOME DAY...
SOME DAY...



HOW I HATE THEM—STRAIGHT ARROW AND THE U.S. ARMY! I'LL GET EVEN WITH THEM YET... SOMEDAY! BUT I'VE GOT TO FIGURE A WAY TO GET OUT OF HERE!





HOURS LATER... ON A DISTANT HILL...

FREE! HA-HA-HA-HA...
FREE! NOW...TO TAKE CARE
OF MY ENEMIES...STRAIGHT
ARROW AND THE U.S.
ARMY!



I WILL PRACTICE...TO
MAKE MY MARKSMAN-
SHIP EVEN BETTER!



...AND MY MUSCLES
EVEN STRONGER!



YOU TOO, DIABLO...
TRAINED TO KILL
WILL HELP! HA-
HA-HA!



AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE
SECRET CAVE IN SUNDOWN VALLEY...

WE RIDE, FURY!
BLACK FEATHER
HAS ESCAPED!

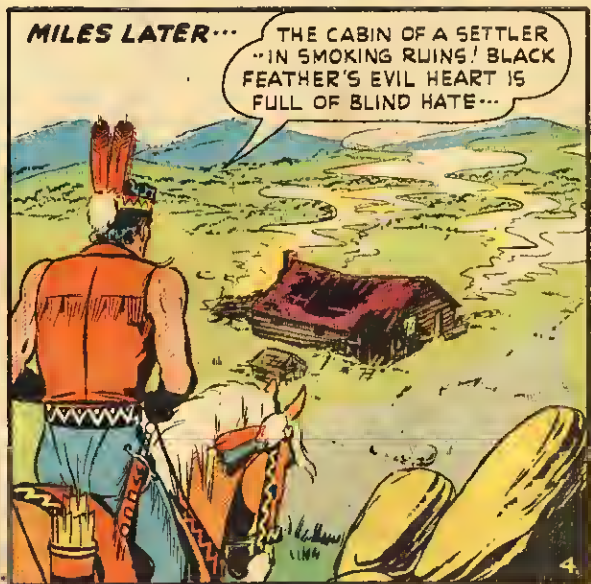
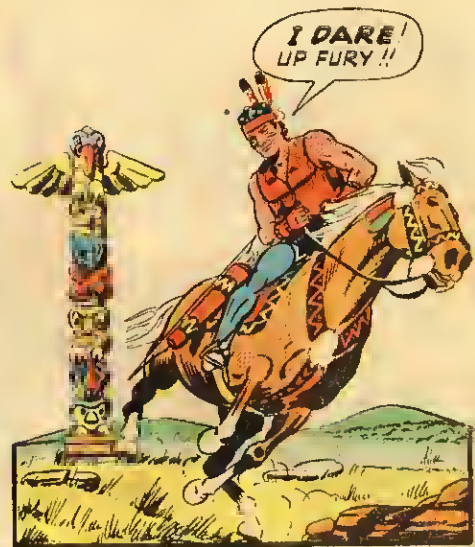
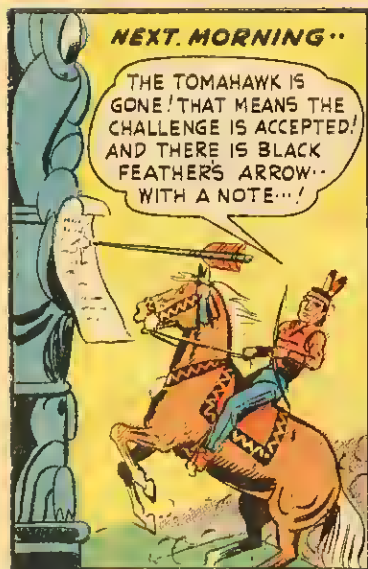
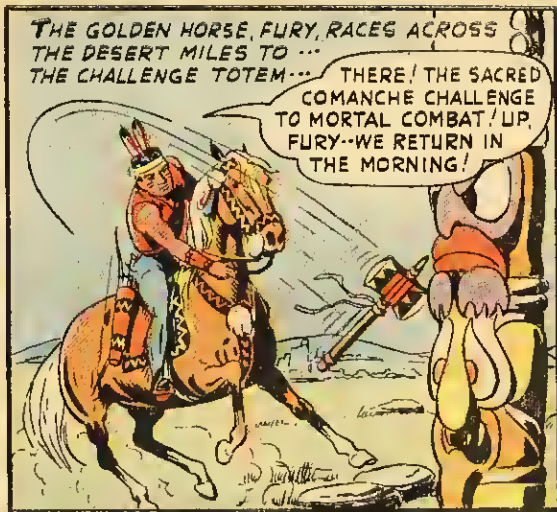
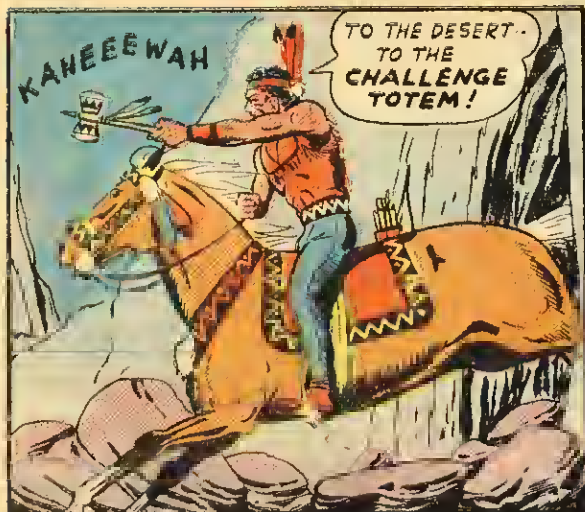


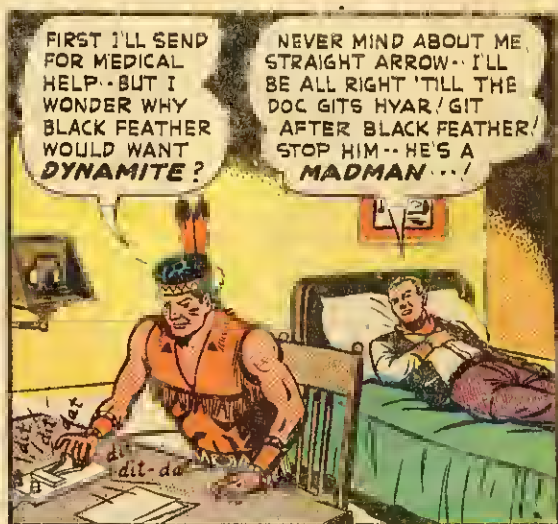
MY STRONGEST BOW--
MY KEENEST KNIFE!
ARROWS THAT ARE NOT
WARPED! GOLDEN
ARROWHEADS THAT
ARE RAZOR-
SHARP!

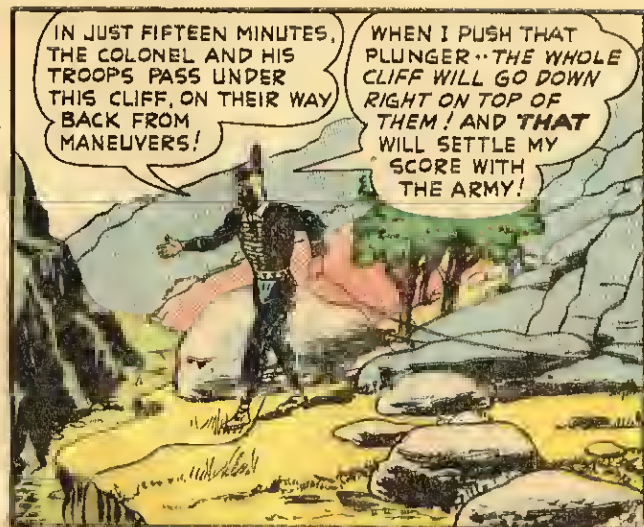


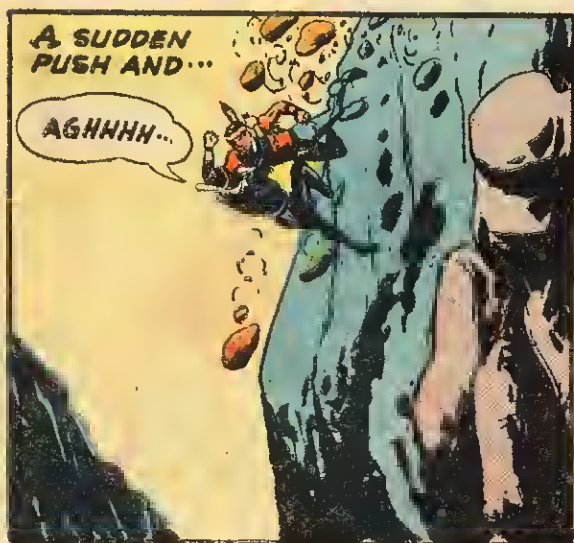
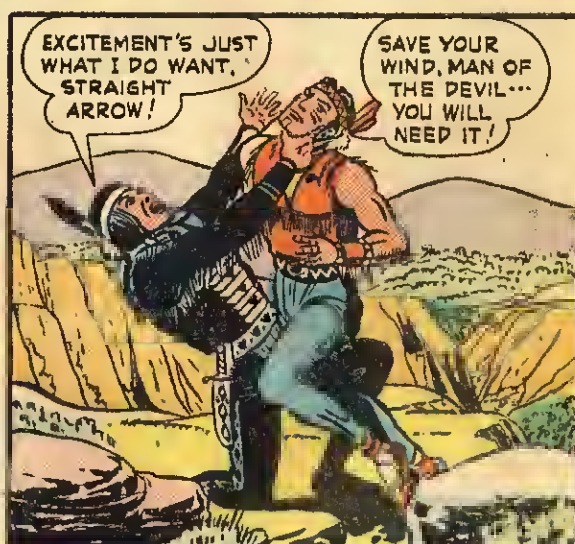
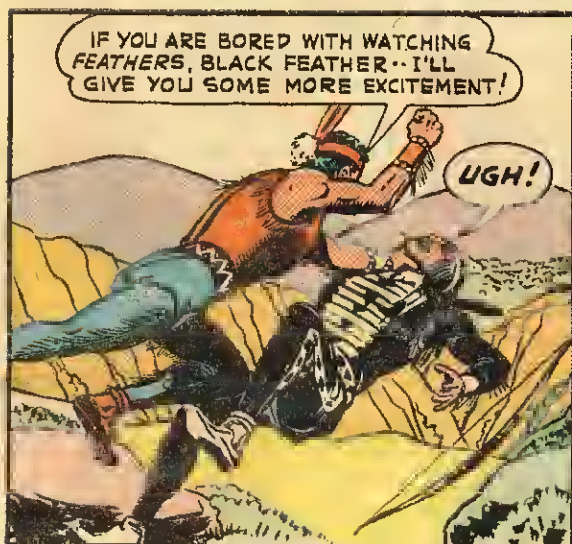
AND THE SACRED
COMANCHE TOMA-
HAWK OF WAR!

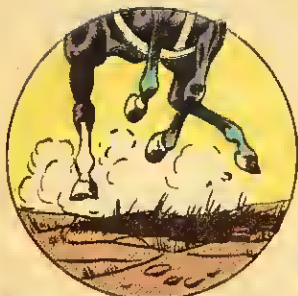












**BLACK HOOFS THUNDER
ALONG THE ROAD!**



**AND DIABLO--THE HORSE
TRAINED TO KILL--REARS
HIGH TO DELIVER DEATH!**

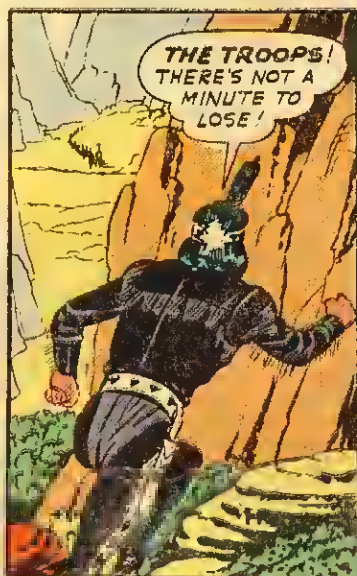


**BUT...A GOLDEN BOLT OF LIVING FURY
HURTTLES ONTO THE SCENE---**

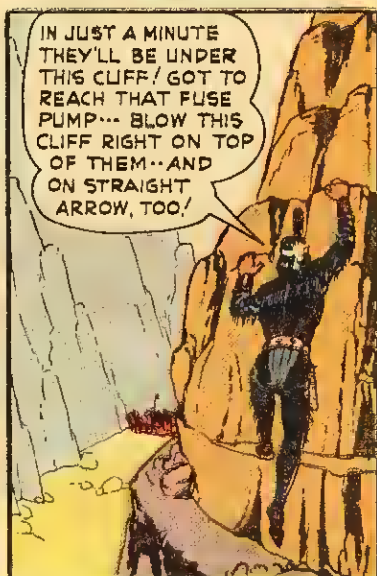


**AND AS THE BLACK HORSE
FLEES IN TERROR OF THE
PALOMINO'S RIPPING TEETH
AND LASHING HOOFS---**

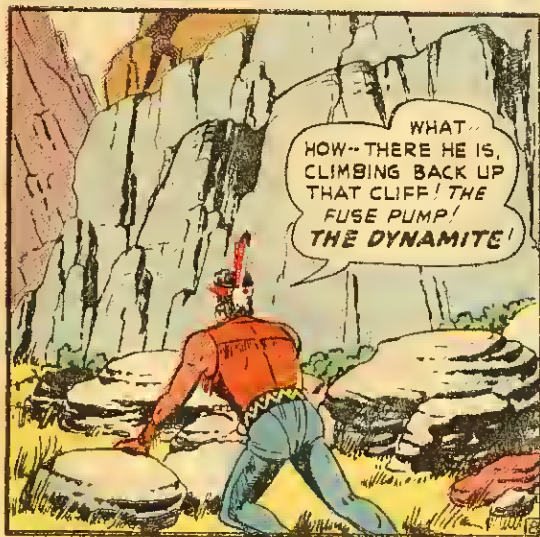
**WH,
MY
HEAD!**



**THE TROOPS!
THERE'S NOT A
MINUTE TO
LOSE!**



**IN JUST A MINUTE
THEY'LL BE UNDER
THIS CLIFF! GOT TO
REACH THAT FUSE
PUMP... BLOW THIS
CLIFF RIGHT ON TOP OF
THEM--AND
ON STRAIGHT
ARROW, TOO!**

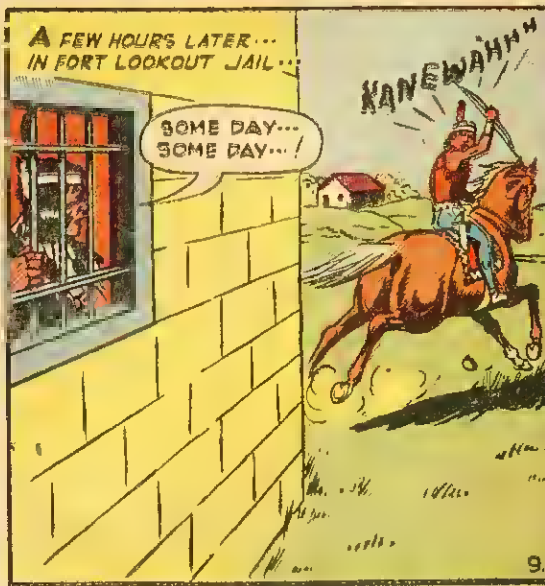


**WHAT--
HOW--THERE HE IS,
CLIMBING BACK UP
THAT CLIFF! THE
FUSE PUMP!
THE DYNAMITE!**



**STRAIGHT
ARROW! WHAT
HAPPENED?**

**THE TROOPS! GOOD
HEAVEN--- NOW I KNOW
WHY HE WANTS TO BLOW
UP THE CLIFF! AND I'LL
NEVER BE ABLE TO GET
TO HIM IN TIME---**



RED HAWK

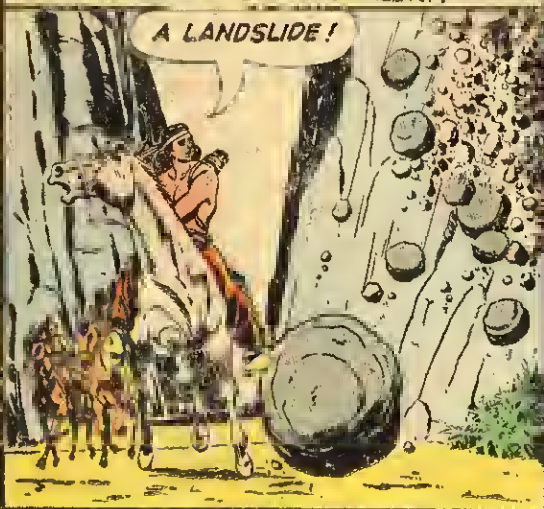


IN THE DAYS WHEN THE WHITE MAN CAME TO THE WESTERN PLAINS, THE DESCENDANTS OF THE ANCIENT CLIFF DWELLERS CONTROLLED THE NATURAL ROADWAYS BY WHICH THE INDIAN NATIONS MIGRATED FROM HUNTING SPOT TO HUNTING SPOT. IN THEIR PERPETUAL PURSUIT OF THE BUFFALO FOR FOOD, WEAPONS, CLOTHING AND CEREMONIAL TRINKETS, THE PLAINS INDIANS MOVED OFTEN, FOR THEIRS WAS A NOMADIC LIFE...

THUS WHEN THE CHEYENNES, WITH RED HAWK AND BIG FOOT LEADING THE WAY, CAME DOWN FROM THE LAND OF THE SHINING PRAIRIES, THEY FOUND THEIR WAY BLOCKED BY — **THE KILLERS ON THE CLIFFS!**

THE ROAD SEEMS BROAD AND CLEAR TO RED HAWK AS HE RIDES ON SCOUT DETAIL AHEAD OF THE MAIN BODY OF THE CHEYENNES — UNTIL THE FIRST ROCKS BEGIN TO FALL...

A LANDSLIDE!

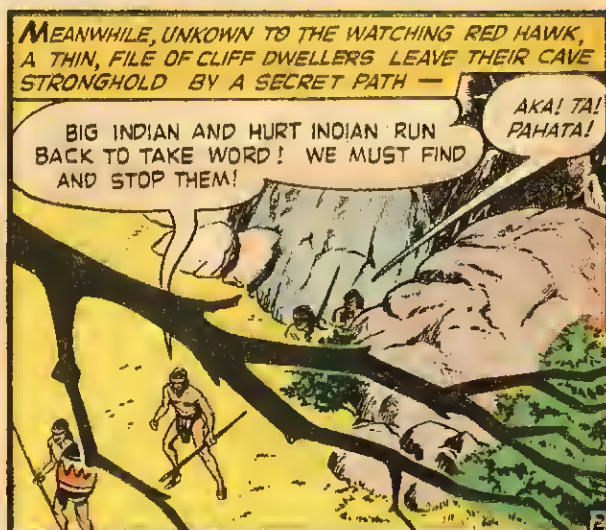
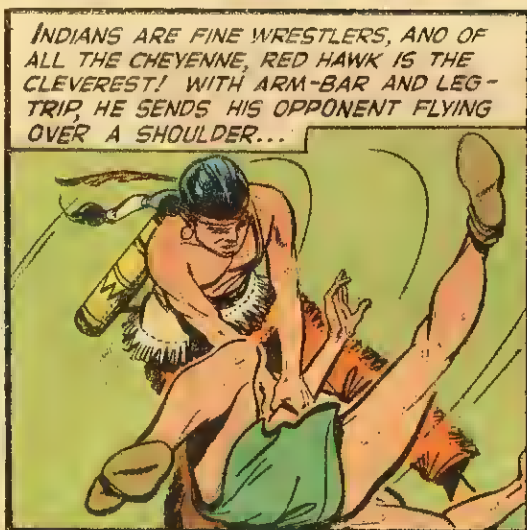
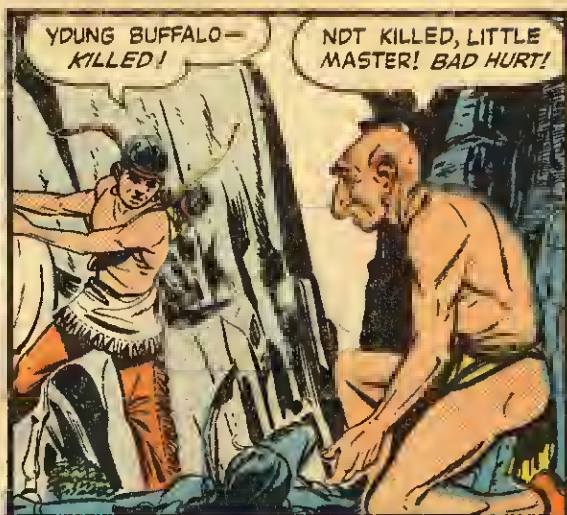


BUT IT IS NO LANDSLIDE! HIGH ABOVE THE THREE RIDERS...

CHEYENNE!
THEY COME FROM
THE NORTH. APA
DA!

THEY WILL HAVE MUCH
BOOTY! MANY FURS!
GOOD BONE
ORNAMENTS!

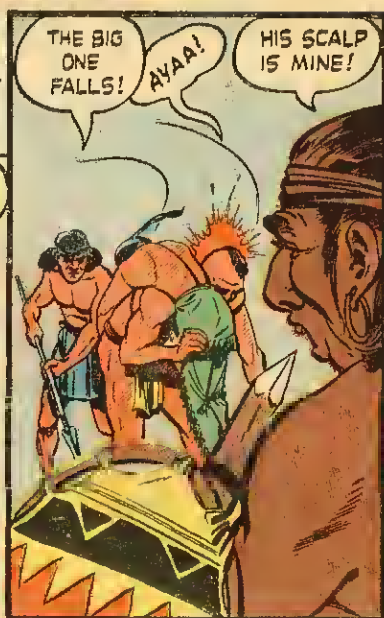




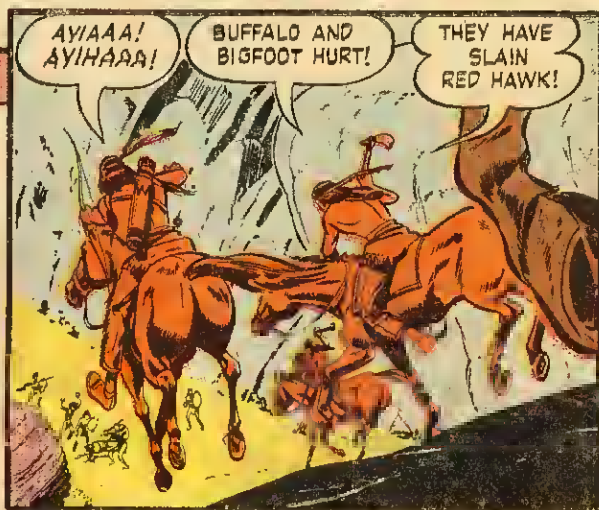
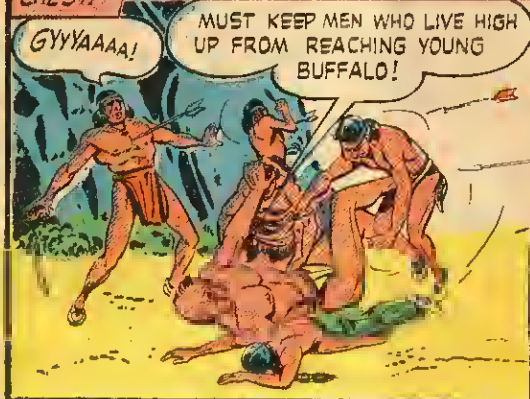


HANDICAPPED BY YOUNG BUFFALO, KNOWING THAT IF HE PUTS HIM DOWN TO FIGHT, THE CLIFF DWELLERS' SCALP-KNIVES WILL RUN RED, BIGFOOT FIGHTS CLUMSILY...

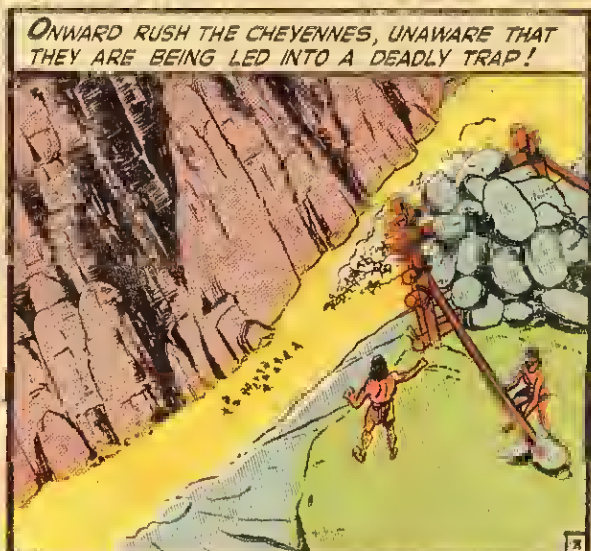
MUST DRIVE THEM OFF...SAVE RED HAWK'S FRIEND, YOUNG BUFFALO!



SUDDENLY, WITH THE ANGRY SNARL OF THE EAGLE IN MIDFLIGHT, A CHEYENNE WAR-ARROW BURIES ITSELF IN A CLIFF-DWELLER'S CHEST!



WITH WILD WHOOPS, THE CHEYENNE WARRIORS RACE AFTER THE NOW TERRIFIED CLIFF DWELLERS, CAUGHT FAR FROM THEIR CRAGGY HOMES!



WITH A RUMBLING ROAR, THE RELEASED BOULDERS AND ROCKS ROLL DOWNWARD, EVER FASTER—

AYA DA!
LOOK UP!

ROCKS! STONES!
THEY WILL CRUSH US!



THE BOULDERS AND ROCKS WILL SEAL UP THE ENTRANCE TO THE CANYON. THERE IS NO OTHER WAY OUT FOR THE CHEYENNES!



WE ARE TRAPPED!
THERE IS NO WAY OUT
FOR US!

THE DWELLERS IN
THE HIGH PLACES CAN
FINISH US OFF ONE BY
ONE!



AT THAT MOMENT—

MY PEOPLE—ABOUT 1
BE KILLED OFF LIKE ANIMALS! THERE IS NO WAY
TO SAVE THEM! EVEN TWENTY BIGFOOTS COULD
NOT REMOVE THOSE STONES IN TIME TO LET
THEM ESCAPE!



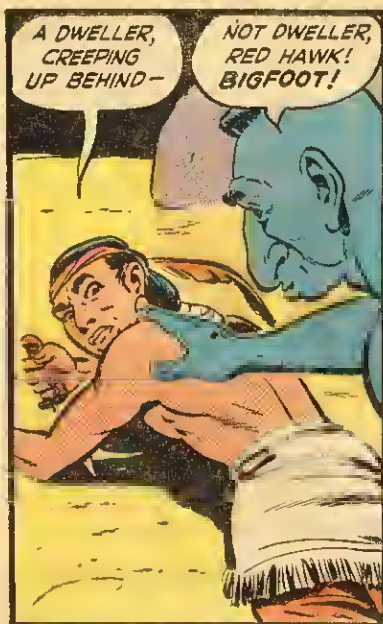
MY ONLY CHANCE IS—WAIT!
I THINK THERE IS A WAY—IF
ONLY I CAN DISCOVER IT!
THOSE CLIFF-DWELLERS
LURED THE CHEYENNES INTO
THAT TRAP— BUT THEY DID
NOT COME DOWN THE LADDERS!

THAT MEANS THERE HAS TO
BE ANOTHER WAY INTO THEIR
CLIFF HOMES! A BACK WAY IN
THROUGH SOLID EARTH AND ROCK!
IF I CAN FIND THAT BACK EN-
TRANCE, I MAY YET SAVE
MY PEOPLE!



HERE ON THE GROUND, THEIR
FEET WILL HAVE LEFT FOOTPRINTS!
IF ONLY I CAN FIND THEM...TRACK
THEM BACK TO THAT SECRET
EXIT...





A DWELLER,
CREEPING
UP BEHIND—

NOT DWELLER,
RED HAWK!
BIGFOOT!



BIGFOOT!
WHAT OF
YOUNG BUFFALO?
WHAT OF—
HSSST!
LOOK!

CLIFF MEN! THEY
GO INTO THE
EARTH! AYA DA!
CAN THEY WALK
THROUGH ROCK
ITSELF?



NOT SOLID ROCK, BIGFOOT, BUT A
PATHWAY THROUGH THE EARTH. A
TUNNEL THAT MUST LEAD TO THE
CLIFF HOMES. THESE DWELLERS WHO
JUST ENTERED IT WERE SOME OF
THOSE WHO ESCAPED FROM MY
PEOPLE—SOME OF THOSE WHO
ATTACKED YOU AND YOUNG
BUFFALO!



THEY CAN'T BE FAR AHEAD, BIGFOOT! WE
WILL COME TOGETHER INTO THEIR CAVES.
YOU WILL HOLD THEM OFF WHILE I
RELEASE THE ROPE AND LOG LADDERS
SO THAT THE CHEYENNES MAY CLIMB!



LISTEN! VOICES
IN THE TUNNEL!

STRANGE VOICES—CHEYENNE
VOICES! THEY HAVE
FOLLOWED US!



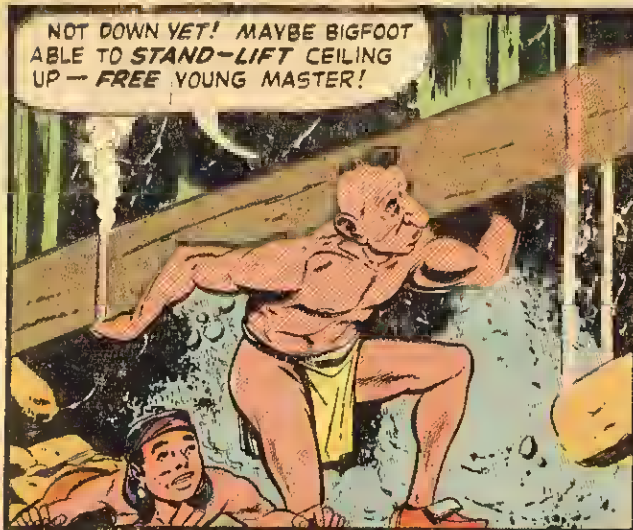
KNOCK DOWN THE
BEAMS! THE CEILING
WILL COLLAPSE!

—AND BURY THE
CHEYENNES ALIVE!



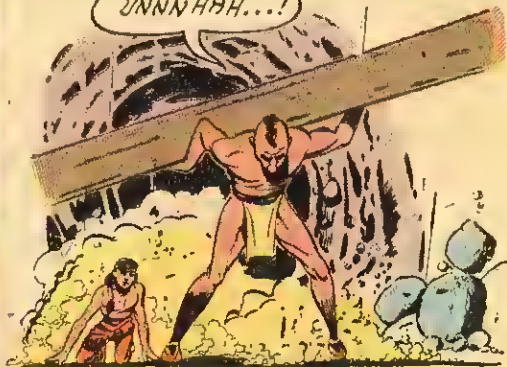
THE CEILING SUPPORTS GIVE WAY UNDER THE
SUDDEN PRESSURE OF ADDED STRAIN! DIRT AND
LONG-BURIED ROCKS CASCADE DOWN ON RED HAWK
AND BIG FOOT—BURYING THEM!

NOT DOWN YET! MAYBE BIGFOOT
ABLE TO **STAND-LIFT** CEILING
UP—**FREE** YOUNG MASTER!



WITH EVERY MUSCLE IN HIS GIANT EIGHT-
FOOT FRAME CRACKING WITH STRAIN, THE HUGE
INDIAN RISES TO HIS FEET, LIFTING THE CRUSH-
ING WEIGHT ON HIS MASSIVE SHOULDERS!

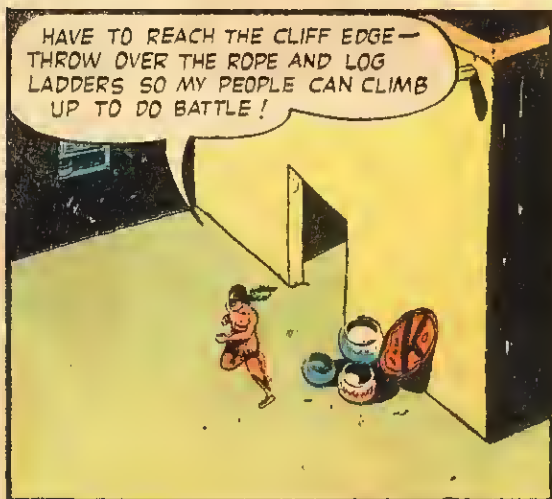
UNNNHHH...!



GOT TO GET HELP—FROM THE
TRAPPED CHEYENNES! AND THERE'S
ONLY ONE WAY TO GET IT...



HAVE TO REACH THE CLIFF EDGE—
THROW OVER THE ROPE AND LOG
LADDERS SO MY PEOPLE CAN CLIMB
UP TO DO BATTLE!

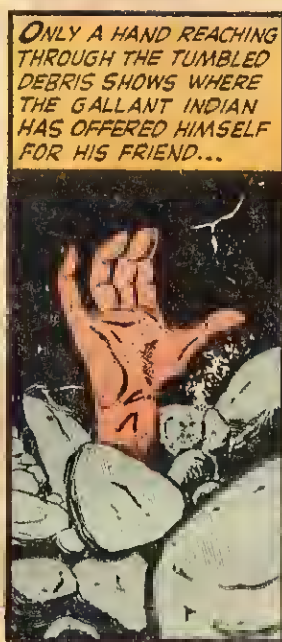


SOBBING WITH STRAIN, TONS OF
ROCK AND DIRT, FORCING HIS
WAY DOWN AND DOWN, INEXOR-
ABLY—BIGFOOT COLLAPSES!

BIGFOOT NOT ABLE—TO HOLD
UP—MOUNTAIN ANY LONGER!
HOPE YOUNG MASTER—GOT
THROUGH—SAFELY...



ONLY A HAND REACHING
THROUGH THE TUMBLED
DEBRIS SHOWS WHERE
THE GALLANT INDIAN
HAS OFFERED HIMSELF
FOR HIS FRIEND...

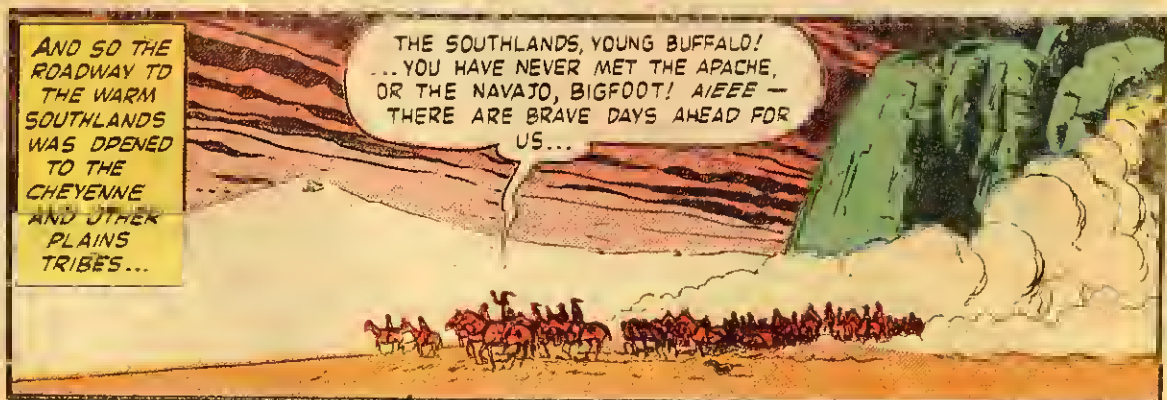
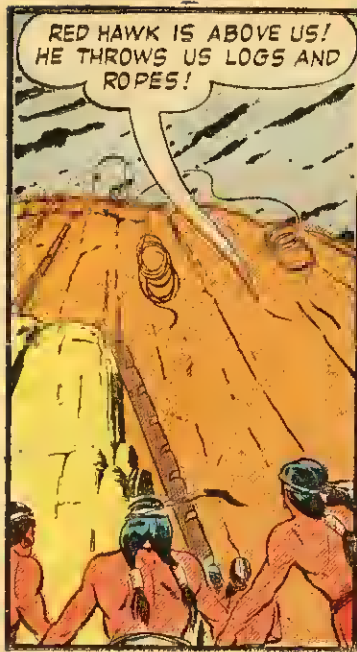


ON THE CLIFF-EDGE ITSELF...

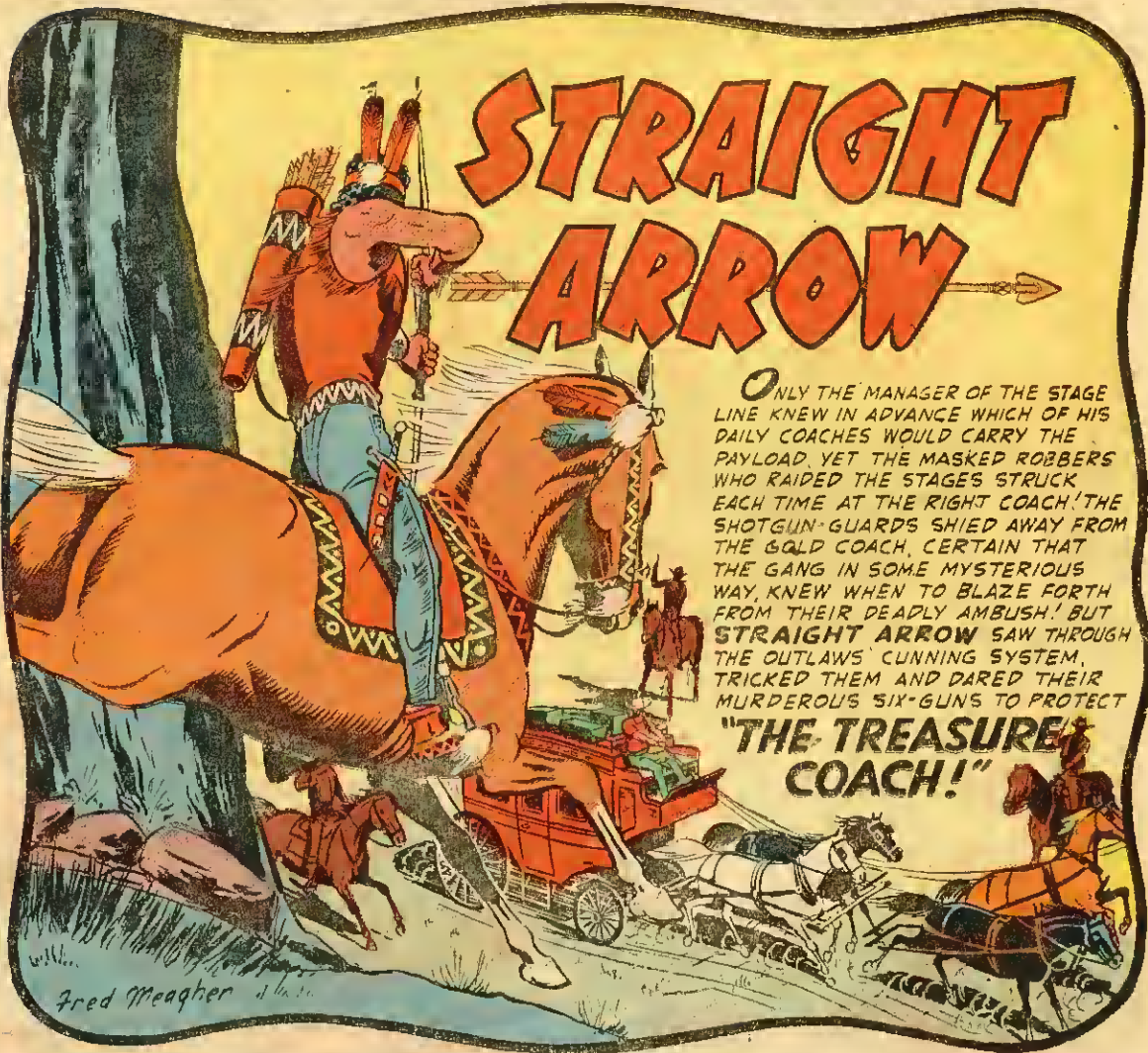
OVER YOU GO, DWELLER OF
THE HIGH PLACES! I WANT
THOSE LOGS AND ROPES!

GNWYAAA!



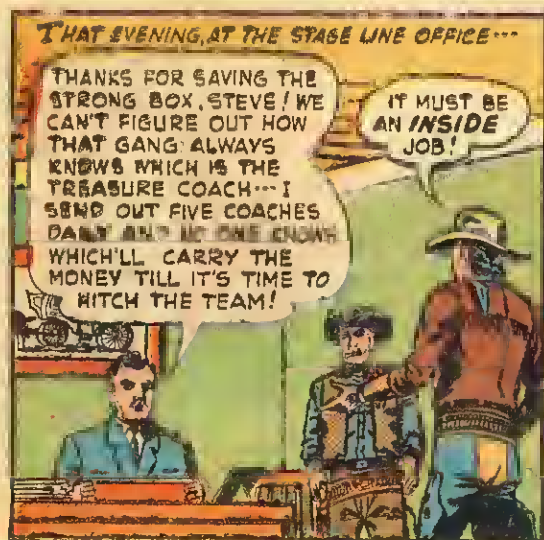
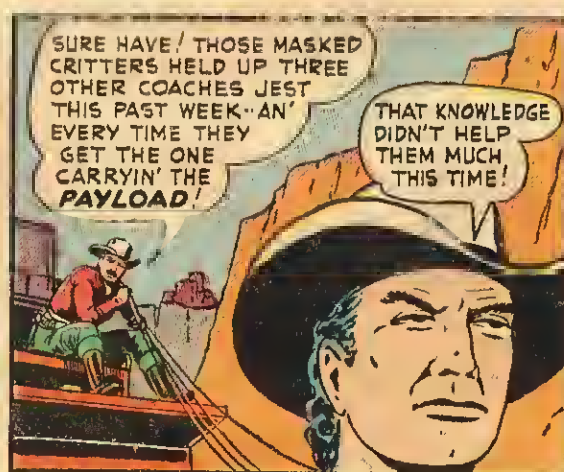
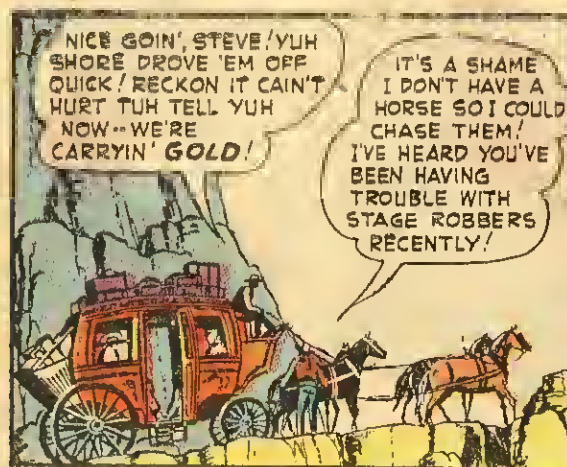
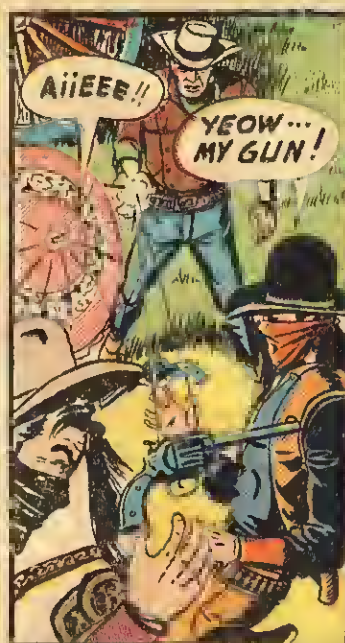


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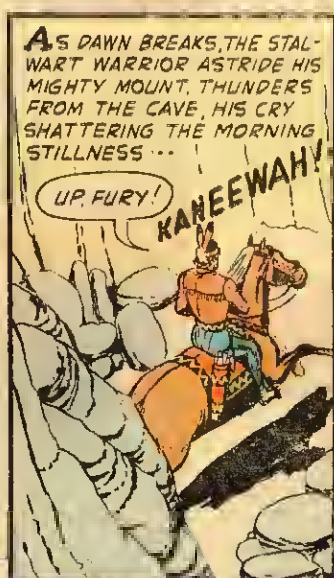
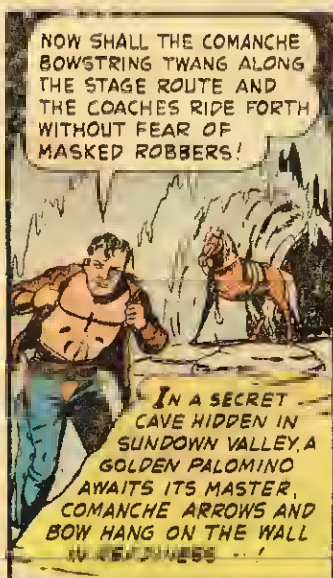
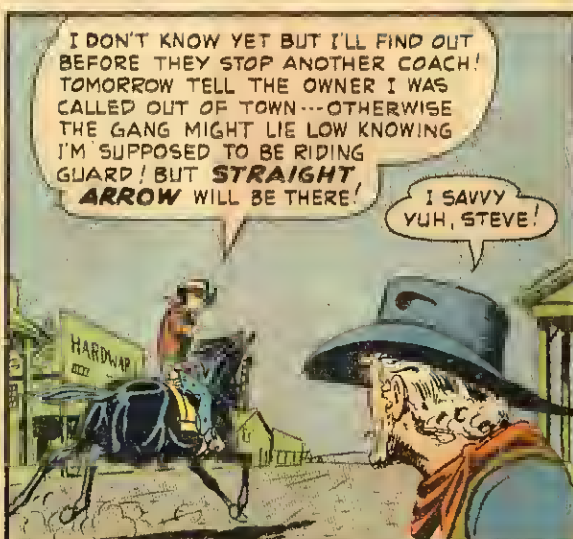
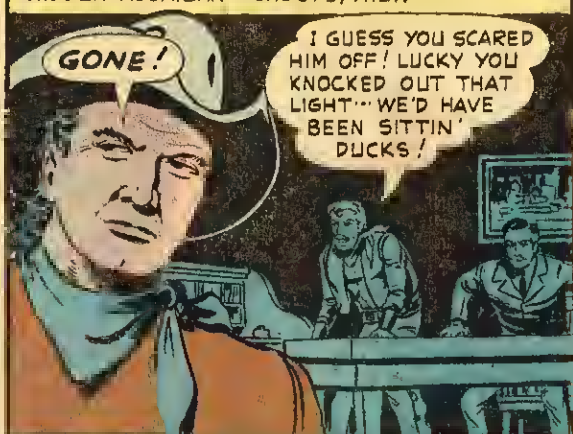
ONLY THE MANAGER OF THE STAGE LINE KNEW IN ADVANCE WHICH OF HIS DAILY COACHES WOULD CARRY THE PAYLOAD. YET THE MASKED ROBBERS WHO RAIDED THE STAGES STRUCK EACH TIME AT THE RIGHT COACH! THE SHOTGUN GUARDS SHIED AWAY FROM THE GOLD COACH, CERTAIN THAT THE GANG IN SOME MYSTERIOUS WAY, KNEW WHEN TO BLAZE FORTH FROM THEIR DEADLY AMBUSH! BUT STRAIGHT ARROW SAW THROUGH THE OUTLAWS' CUNNING SYSTEM, TRICKED THEM AND DARED THEIR MURDEROUS SIX-GUNS TO PROTECT "THE TREASURE COACH!"

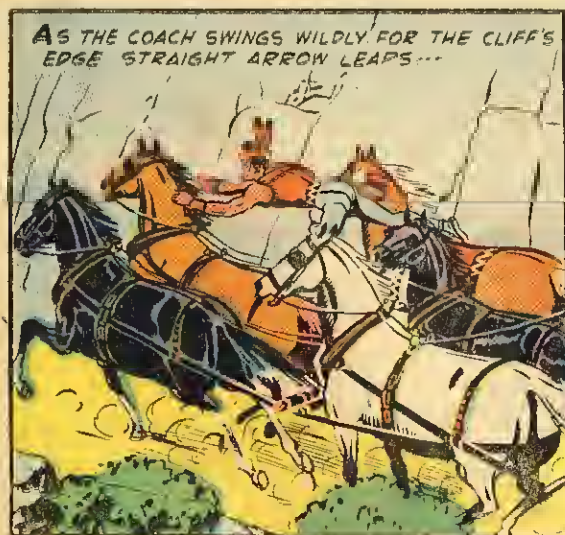
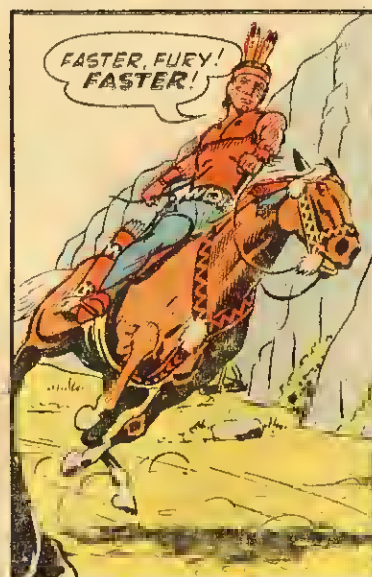
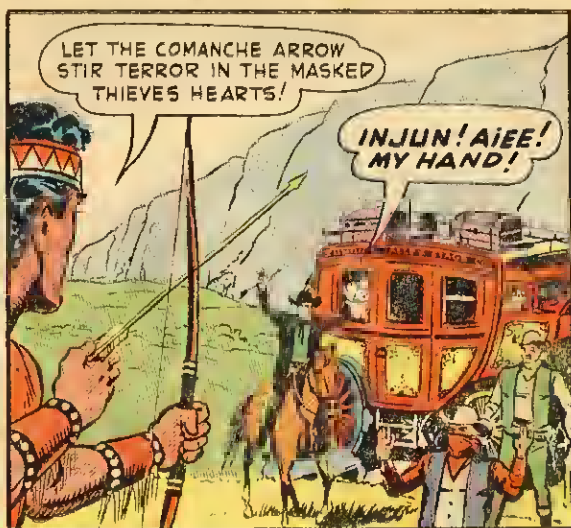


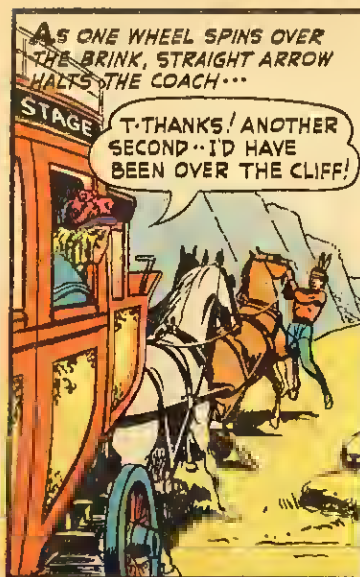




STEVE FIRES AND THE LANTERN SHATTERS, THROWING THE ROOM INTO DARKNESS, AS THE HIDDEN ASSAILANT SHOOTS, THEN...







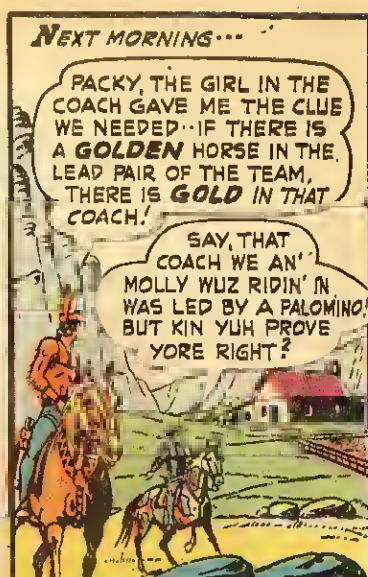
AS ONE WHEEL SPINS OVER THE BRINK, STRAIGHT ARROW HALTS THE COACH...

T-THANKS! ANOTHER SECOND--I'D HAVE BEEN OVER THE CLIFF!



WHY YOUR HORSE IS A **PALOMINO**--JUST LIKE THE **LEAD** HORSE OF THE STAGE TEAM!

YES, THE LEAD HORSE **IS** A PALOMINO! NOW I KNOW HOW THE GANG ALWAYS KNOWS WHICH IS THE **TREASURE COACH**!



NEXT MORNING...

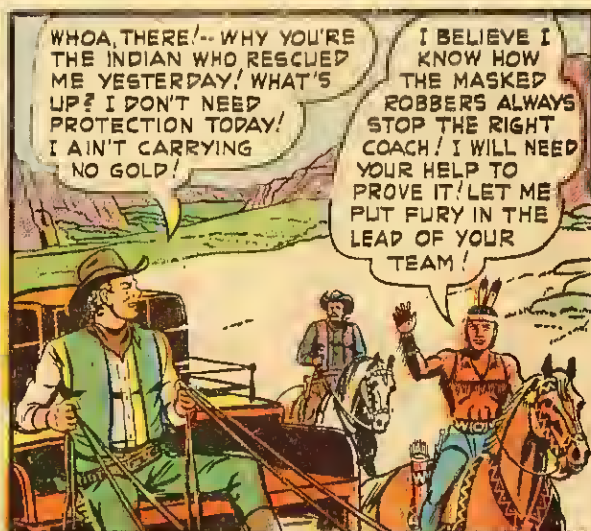
PACKY, THE GIRL IN THE COACH GAVE ME THE CLUE WE NEEDED--IF THERE IS A **GOLDEN** HORSE IN THE LEAD PAIR OF THE TEAM, THERE IS **GOLD** IN THAT COACH!

SAY, THAT COACH WE AN' MOLLY WUZ RIDIN' IN WAS LED BY A PALOMINO! BUT KIN YUH PROVE YORE RIGHT?



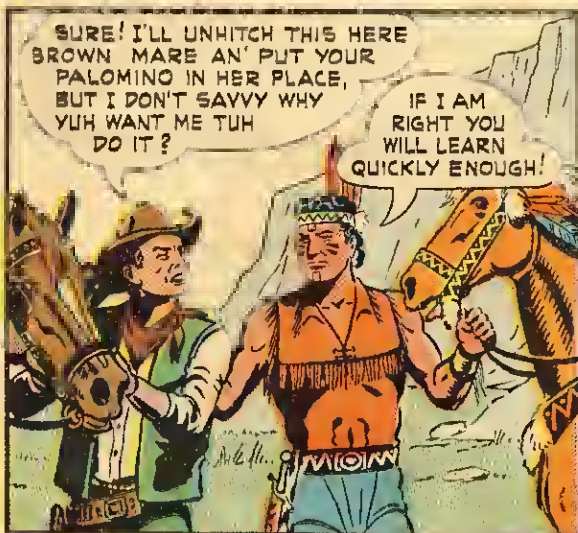
YES! HERE IS ONE OF THE STAGE LINE COACHES--BUT DRAWN BY **BROWN** HORSES! WE'LL STOP IT!--

HEY! PULL UP A MINUTE! **STOP!**



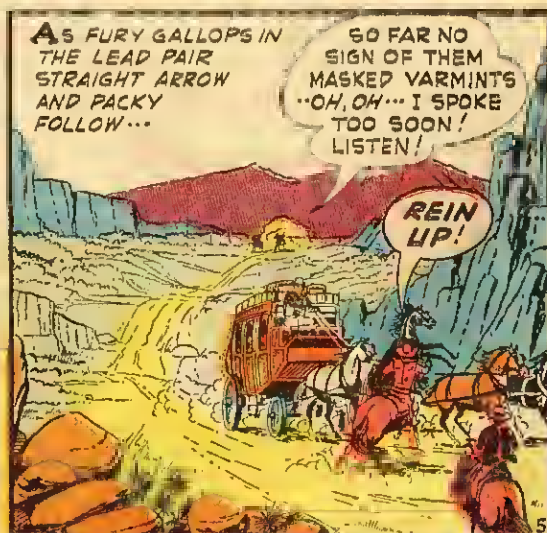
WHOA, THERE!-- WHY YOU'RE THE INDIAN WHO RESCUED ME YESTERDAY! WHAT'S UP? I DON'T NEED PROTECTION TODAY! I AIN'T CARRYING NO GOLD!

I BELIEVE I KNOW HOW THE MASKED ROBBERS ALWAYS STOP THE RIGHT COACH! I WILL NEED YOUR HELP TO PROVE IT! LET ME PUT FURY IN THE LEAD OF YOUR TEAM!



SURE! I'LL UNHITCH THIS HERE BROWN MARE AN' PUT YOUR PALOMINO IN HER PLACE, BUT I DON'T SAVVY WHY YUH WANT ME TUH DO IT?

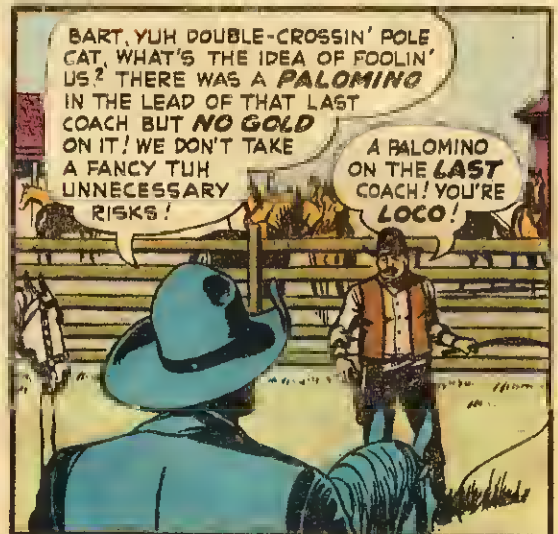
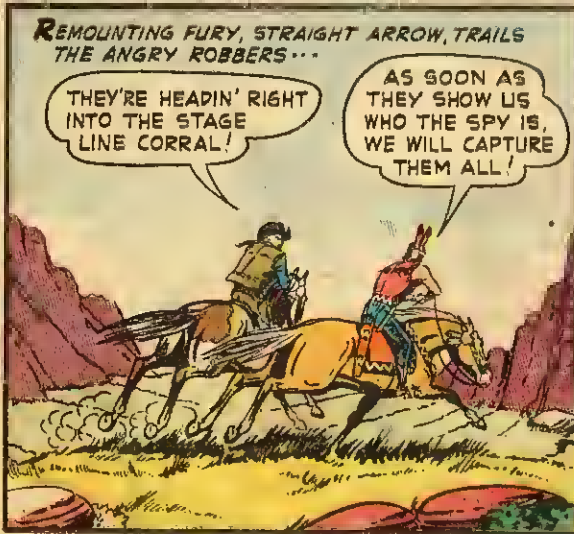
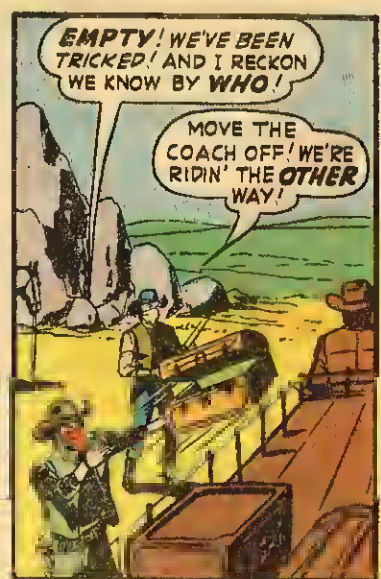
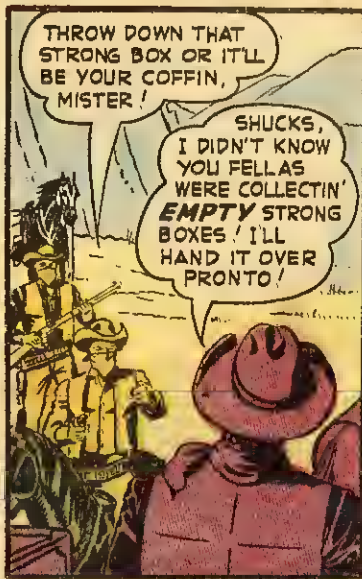
IF I AM RIGHT YOU WILL LEARN QUICKLY ENOUGH!

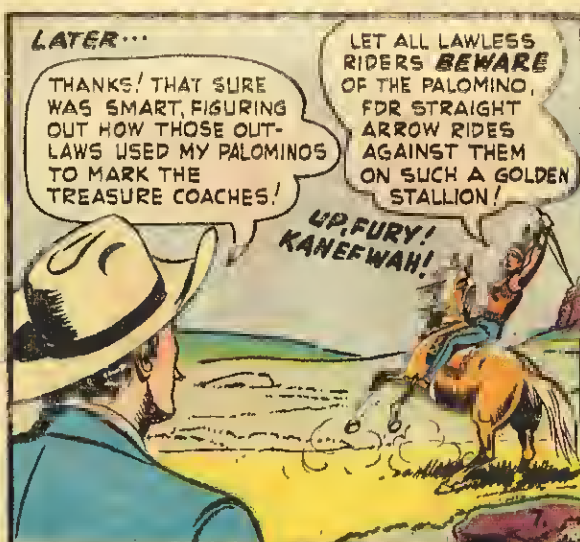
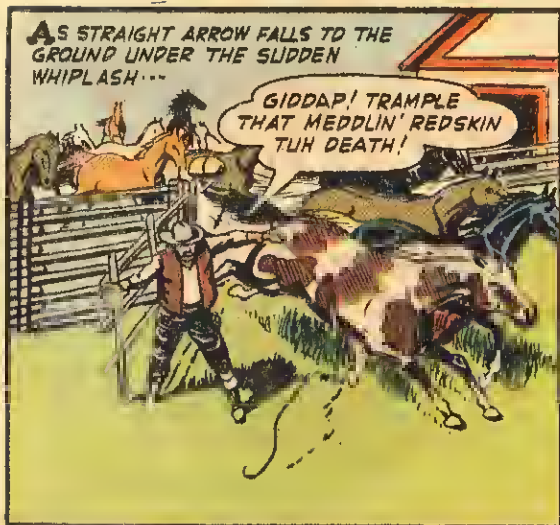


AS FURY GALLOPS IN THE LEAD PAIR STRAIGHT ARROW AND PACKY FOLLOW...

SO FAR NO SIGN OF THEM MASKED VARMINTS --OH, OH... I SPOKE TOO SOON! LISTEN!

REIN UP!







THE PLAINS INDIANS PRIDED THEMSELVES ON THEIR PEACE PIPES. THE FINEST FEATHERS DECORATED THEIR STEMS, THE BOWLS WERE CARVED BY THE NIMBLEST FINGERS OF THE TRIBE, AND THE HORN-BONNETED MEDICINE MEN CHANTED GOOD LUCK SPELLS OVER THEM.

SO, WHEN VITTORIO AND HIS MESCALERO APACHES RAID THE COMANCHES TO STEAL THEIR FINEST PIPE, MADE OF THE RED-WOOD OF THE CALIFORNIA TREES, STRAIGHT ARROW DONS WAR-PAINT AND FEATHERS TO TAKE UP THE BLOODY TRAIL OF...

THE PIPE OF PEACE WAR!

Fred Meagher...

THE APACHE ATTACK BEGINS IN THE DIM HOURS OF DAWN, WHEN ALL THE WORLD SLEEPS...



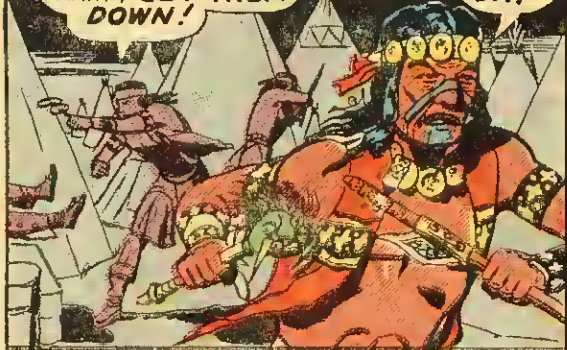
TAKE UP THE PIPE, QUICKLY! THE SHAMAN WILL NOT STOP YOU NOW!



BARKING DOGS-- INDIAN SENTINALS -- BRING THE COMANCHE WARRIORS FROM THEIR TEPEES, DAZED WITH SLEEP...

THEY ARE NOT MANY! CUT THEM DOWN!

RUN FOR THE HORSES! TANATSE DA!



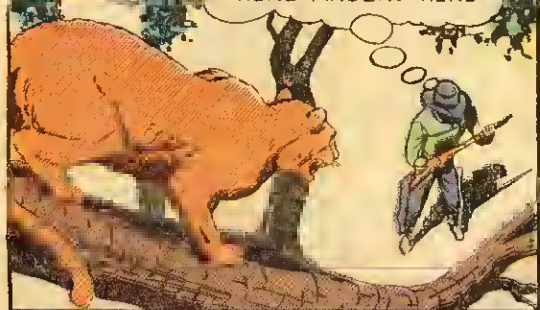
ATSEI HA!
WE HAVE WON!!
AKA! AKA!

AKA!
AKA!



FAR AHEAD OF THE MARAUDING APACHE BAND, STEVE ADAMS HUNTS IN THE HILLS NORTH OF HIS RANCH, THE BROKEN BOW...

THAT MOUNTAIN CAT THAT'S BEEN RAIDING OUR HERDS FOR BABY CALVES IS SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE...



SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE? HE'S RIGHT ON TOP OF ME!!



NO CHANCE TO FIRE! HAVE TO USE MY INDIAN HUNTING KNIFE...

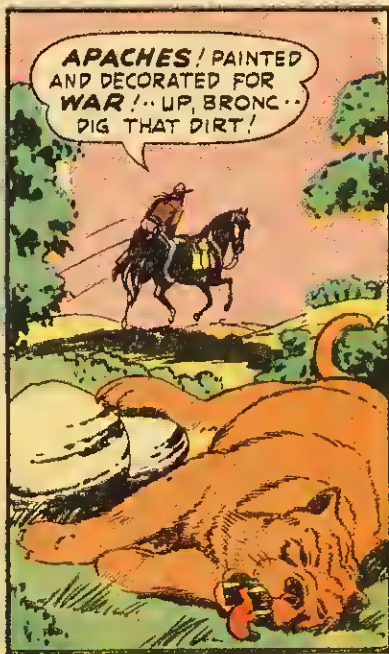


FURIOUS SECONDS LATER...

THAT TAKES CARE OF THAT! BUT WHAT COMES UP THE MOUNTAIN TRAIL? MANY HORSES-- NOT SHOD-- SO THEY MUST BE INDIANS!



APACHES! PAINTED AND DECORATED FOR WAR! UP, BRONC-- DIG THAT DIRT!



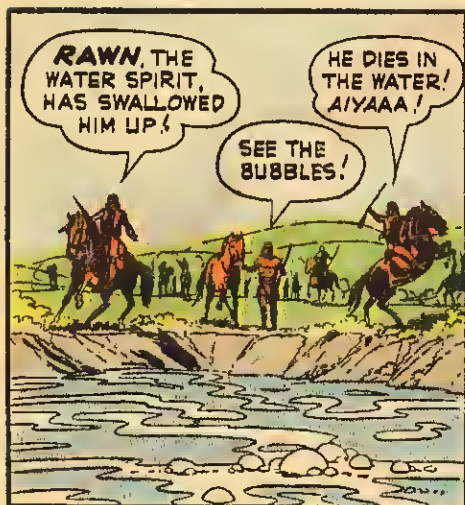


TOO MANY OF THEM TO FIGHT! GOT TO MAKE A **RUN** FOR IT!

A STOLEN CARBINE BARKS IN THE RED HANDS OF A HOWLING APACHE! STEVE'S HORSE FALLS HEAVILY!



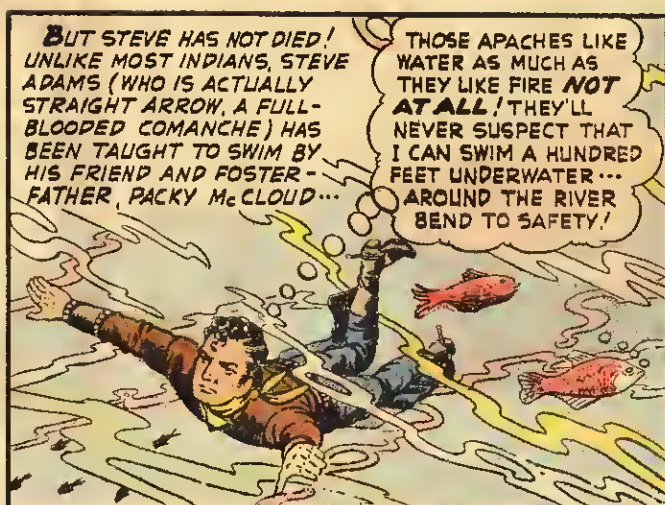
THEY'RE TOO CLOSE...I CAN'T RUN FOR IT! GOT TO TAKE MY CHANCES IN THE WATER...!



RAWN, THE WATER SPIRIT, HAS SWALLOWED HIM UP!

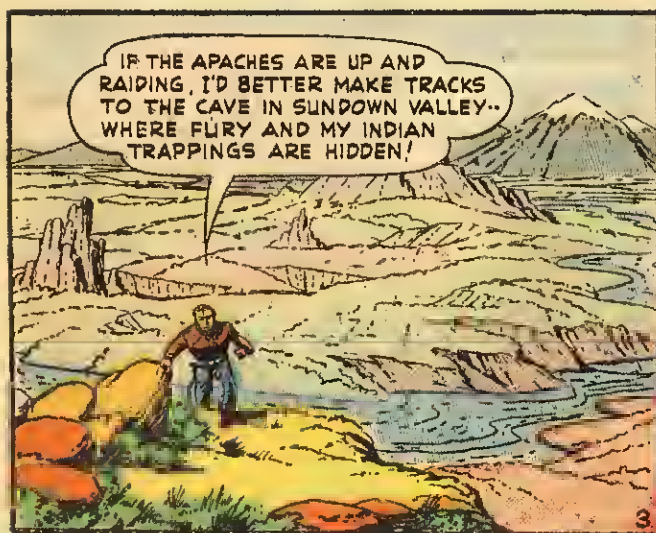
HE DIES IN THE WATER! AIIYAAA!

SEE THE BUBBLES!

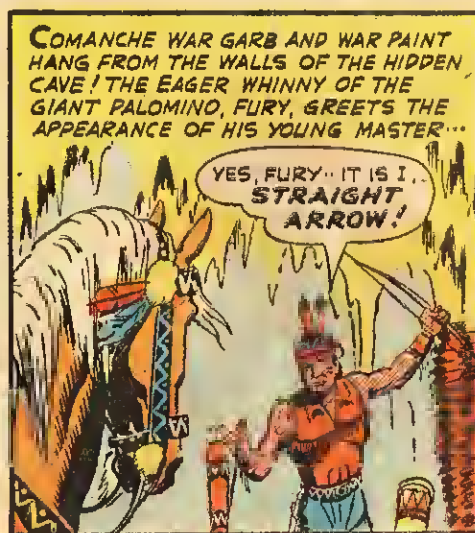


BUT STEVE HAS NOT DIED! UNLIKE MOST INDIANS, STEVE ADAMS (WHO IS ACTUALLY STRAIGHT ARROW, A FULL-BLOODED COMANCHE) HAS BEEN TAUGHT TO SWIM BY HIS FRIEND AND FOSTER-FATHER, PACKY MC CLOUD...

THOSE APACHES LIKE WATER AS MUCH AS THEY LIKE FIRE **NOT AT ALL!** THEY'LL NEVER SUSPECT THAT I CAN SWIM A HUNDRED FEET UNDERWATER... AROUND THE RIVER BEND TO SAFETY!



IF THE APACHES ARE UP AND RAIDING, I'D BETTER MAKE TRACKS TO THE CAVE IN SUNDOWN VALLEY... WHERE FURY AND MY INDIAN TRAPPINGS ARE HIDDEN!



COMANCHE WAR GARB AND WAR PAINT HANG FROM THE WALLS OF THE HIDDEN CAVE! THE EAGER WHINNY OF THE GIANT PALOMINO, FURY, GREETES THE APPEARANCE OF HIS YOUNG MASTER...

YES, FURY... IT IS I, **STRAIGHT ARROW!**

THOSE APACHES CARRIED COMANCHE RATTLES, ARROWS AND SHIELDS!... **LOOT!** THAT MEANS THEY HAVE RAIDED THE COMANCHE VILLAGE AND ARE OUT TO PREY ON THE SETTLEMENTS! **KANEWEAH, FURY!**

KANEWEAH!

THE COMANCHE WARRIORS, NEVER KNOWN TO REFUSE A GOOD FIGHT, HAVE PAINTED THEIR FACES FOR WAR AND RIDDEN FORTH ON THE TRAIL OF THE RAIDING APACHES! SOMEWHAT LATER...

IT IS OUR BROTHER -- **STRAIGHT ARROW!**

YES, STRAIGHT ARROW, THE APACHES DID RAID OUR VILLAGE! AND STOLE THE REDWOOD PIPE OF PEACE!

IT WILL MAKE BIG MEDICINE FOR THEM! IT WILL GIVE THEM THE COURAGE TO RAID THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTRY!

THEY WILL ATTACK THE WHITE SETTLERS! THEY WILL SCALP AND TORTURE AND LOOT! I RIDE TO WARN THEM!

YOU RIDE TO **WARN?** BUT WHAT OF THE APACHES?

PERHAPS OUR BROTHER **FEARS** TO RIDE AFTER THE APACHES? HE HAS HEARD THAT THEY ARE GOOD FIGHTERS!

IF I DID NOT KNOW YOU WERE JOKING, I WOULD BATTLE YOU ALL--RIGHT HERE! BUT THERE MAY BE SOMETHING TO WHAT YOU SAY...

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Yii-AA!

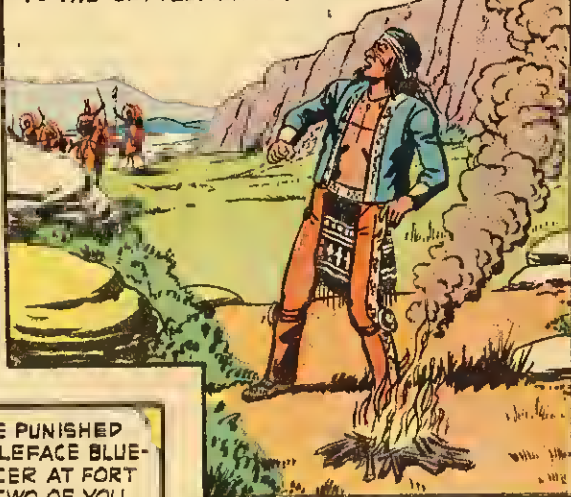
IF WE CAN CUT OFF THE APACHES BEFORE THEY REACH THE SETTLEMENTS, THAT WILL BE EVEN BETTER THAN CARRYING A WARNING! **HAKA PA SEI! FORWARD, BROTHERS!**

WITH EYES THAT SEE EVEN AS THE EAGLE SEES, THE COMANCHE BRAVES FOLLOW THE APACHE TRAIL---

THEY WILL HAVE MADE CAMP, IN THIS DUSK! WE WILL CATCH THEM BY SURPRISE!



BUT THE FIRES THAT TRAIL A PLUM OF SMOKE UPWARD INTO THE SKY ARE TENDED BY ONLY ONE APACHE! THE OTHERS HAVE GONE ON, HOURS BEFORE--TO CARRY FLAME AND DEATH TO THE SETTLEMENTS!



A TRICK! THE REST HAVE ESCAPED US--BUT YOUR SCALP WILL DECORATE MY COUP STICK, APACHE!

NO, FLYING BEAR! DO NOT SLAY HIM!



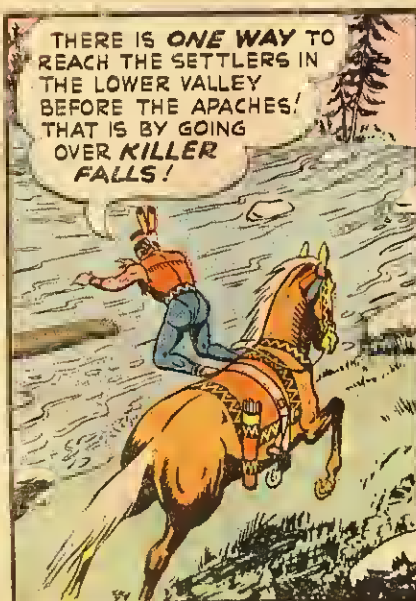
HE MUST BE PUNISHED BY THE PALEFACE BLUE-COAT OFFICER AT FORT DESPAIR! TWO OF YOU TAKE HIM TO THE FORT! TELL COLONEL DEEGAN WHAT HAS HAPPENED!



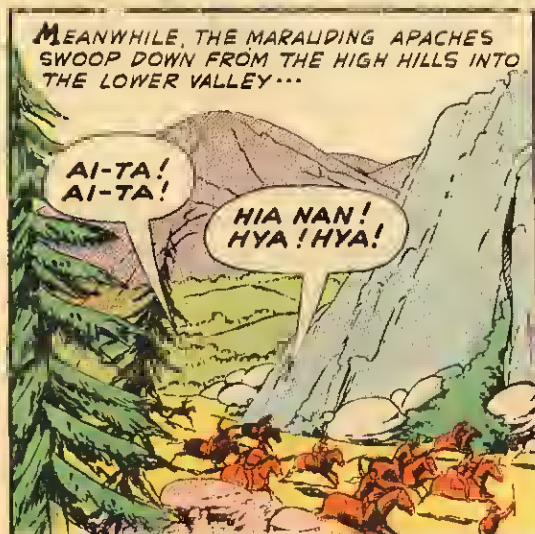
YOU OTHERS FOLLOW THE APACHES' TRAIL! BY NOW, THEY ARE HOURS AHEAD OF US! IT IS TOO LATE TO CARRY A WARNING TO THE SETTLERS... UNLESS---



THERE IS **ONE** WAY TO REACH THE SETTLERS IN THE LOWER VALLEY BEFORE THE APACHES! THAT IS BY GOING OVER **KILLER FALLS!**



CLINGING TO A DRIFT LOG, THE COMANCHE CHIEF IS CAUGHT BY THE SWIFT CURRENT AND DRAGGED FORWARD TOWARD THE BRINK OF DEATH---



AS THE MIGHTY COMANCHE SWOOPS THROUGH THE AIR IN HIS GREAT DIVE, THE WATERS OF KILLER FALLS LAKE RUSH UP AT HIM WITH STARTLING SPEED...



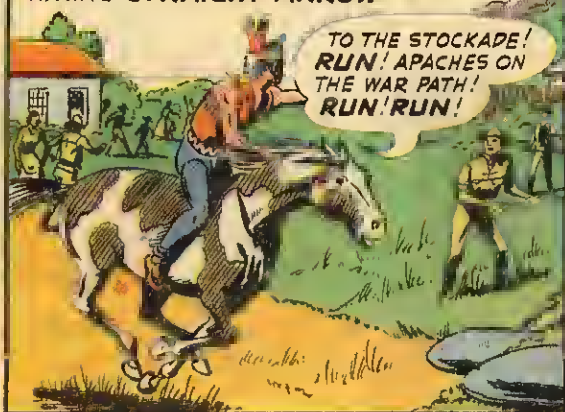
THE SPIRITS OF THE WATER LANDS ARE WITH ME! I MADE IT!



I'LL BORROW A MOUNT FROM THIS HERD, TO CARRY ME TO THE SETTLEMENTS!



AND SO THE FIRST WARNING THE SETTLERS HAVE OF THE ONCOMING APACHES IS NOT THE DEATH SCREAM OF A MAN OR WOMAN... BUT THE SHARP, CLEAR TONES OF THE RACING STRAIGHT-ARROW...



TO THE STOCKADE! RUN! APACHES ON THE WAR PATH! RUN! RUN!

THE MASSIVE BOLT IS SLIPPED ACROSS THE HUGE OAKEN GATES...



I CAN HEAR 'EM NOW! WE WEREN'T A MINUTE TOO SOON! THANKS TO THIS COMANCHE!

TO THE WALLS! VITTORIO AND HIS SAVAGES WON'T LIKE THIS! THEY'LL BE HALF-CRAZED WITH RAGE!

KAGA! NA KAGA NAN!

AIEEE!

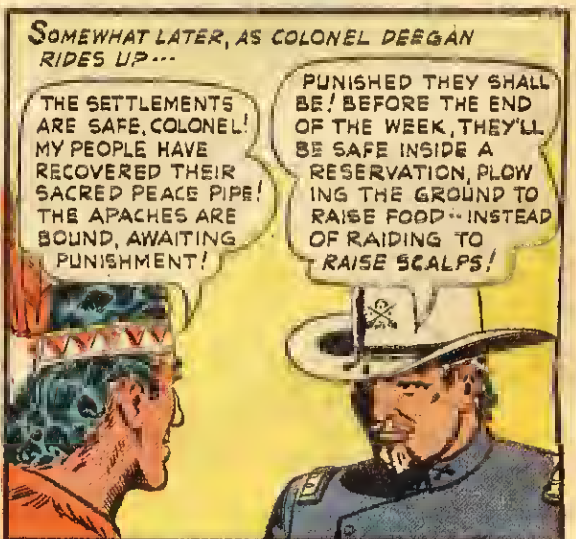
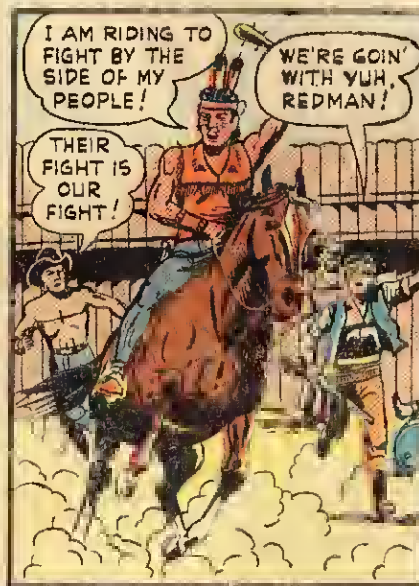
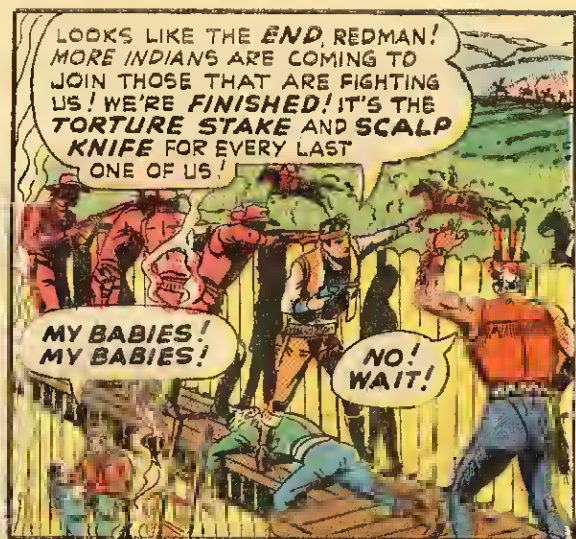
AYA! AYA! KILL THE PALEFACES!



IN HIS DEEP, GUTTURAL VOICE, VITTORIO GIVES HIS ORDERS, HIS EYES LIGHT WITH A CRUEL FLAME. HIS HATE FOR THE PALEFACES IS A SAVAGE THING...

THERE IS NO TIME FOR THEM TO FILL THE WATER BUCKETS! THAT WOOD IS DRY AS TINDER! LIGHT THE FIRE-ARROWS!





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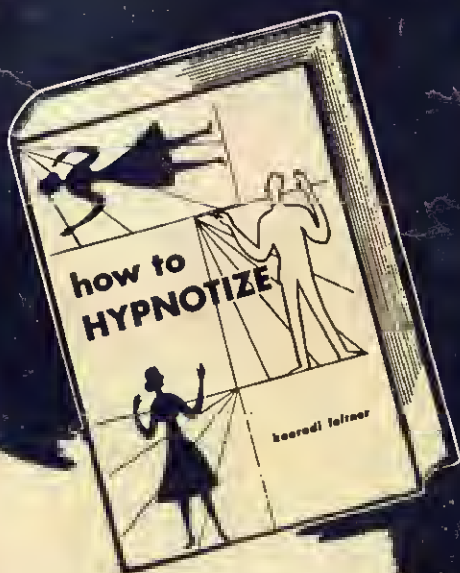
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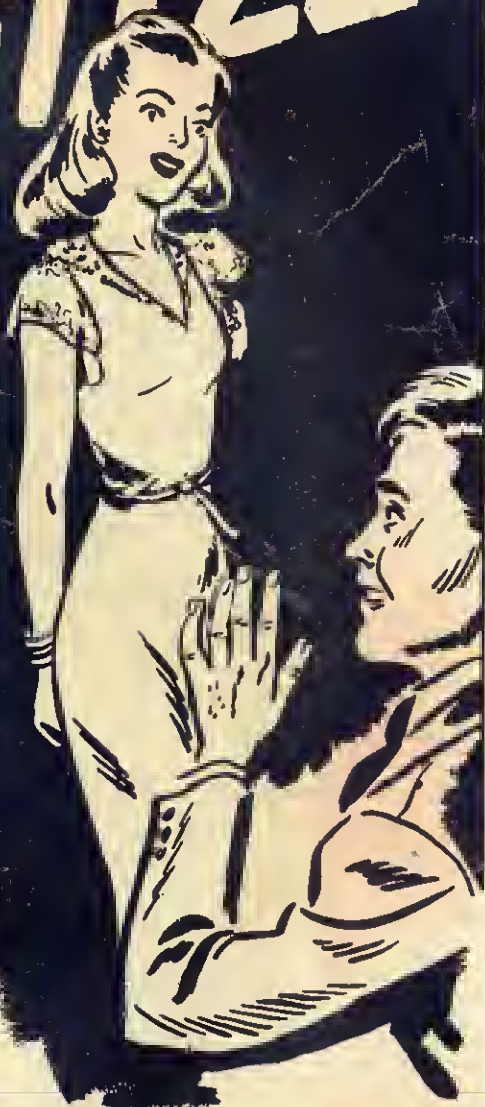
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